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FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

This Budget Letter advises departments and agencies of an increase in 1997-98 rates for Attorney General's legal services. Government Code Section 11044 authorizes the Attorney General to charge an amount sufficient to recover the costs incurred in providing legal services to state agencies. For the 1997-98 fiscal year, the Attorney General will increase the rate to \$100 per hour for attorneys and \$53 per hour for paralegals. The recent price letter (Budget Letter 96-07) quoted the 1996-97 rate for both the 1996-97 and the 1997-98 fiscal years. The rate for the 1996-97 fiscal year will continue at \$98 per hour for attorneys and \$52 per hour for paralegals. However, departments are now advised that for 1997-98 internal departmental budget planning and allocation purposes, the revised rates noted above should be utilized.

For any questions regarding this Budget Letter, please contact your Department of Finance Budget Analyst.

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- Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP)
- General Administrative Costs (ProRata)
- Payment of Board of Control Claims, Department of Justice Settlement and Judgments